

15 at least one filter module adapted to intercept transaction requests from said transaction
16 manager to said service provider layer and to process said requests, the at least one filter module
17 being further adapted to intercept transaction responses from said service provider layer to said
18 transaction manager and the at least one application and to process said responses.

In the Drawings:

Please add new drawing Figure 5, a copy of which is attached.

REMARKS

Figure 5 illustrating an ATM and its components as mentioned in the description and as claimed in original claim 12 is now provided. Original claim 14 reciting a numeric keypad, etc., is deleted.

A replacement abstract is provided in which the term "the or each" is replaced with "the at least one". For proper antecedent the corresponding term "one or more" is replaced with "at least one". Also claim type language such as "said" has been removed. Corresponding amendments have been made through all the claims and the description at pages 2 and 3.

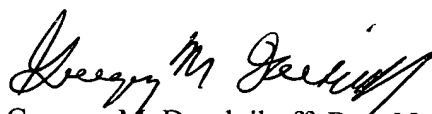
Original claims 1 and 2 have been deleted and original claims 3 to 13 have been re-drafted in independent format or amended to place them in a condition for allowance as outlined by Examiner in para 12 of the Office Action. Thus, new claims 15 to 18 correspond to the combination of original claims 4+2; 9+2; 10+2; and 12+2 respectively. The dependencies of the remaining claims have been amended where necessary.

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Examiner's request for a new Oath/Declaration to replace the defective one originally submitted is hereby noted. The new Declaration has been sent to the United Kingdom to obtain inventor signatures and will be submitted as soon as it is received in this office.

Applicant therefore trusts that the substantive aspects of the invention are now in order for acceptance.

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